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Prairieland Talk

## "Rescued by Elder Brother"

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President and Mrs. Kennedy have a three-yearming pool; but instead of floating on the water the little gal sank to the bottom. A

grown up lady onlooker saw it, plunged in and rescued the little one. Radio and newspapers gave us the story. Prairieland Talker many years ago was a threeyear-old; went with older kids and an elder brother to a nearby pond of water, stripped off with the others to have a "swim" but I was to stay on a bit of the pond where there

was shallow water. Slipped off and down I went-once, twice

and was about to go the third and last time when brother, Ezra, who had rushed to my help, pulled me out and the water that had about filled me up came out of me. No radio or newspaper notice of that childish event. But I have survived.

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Saunders

A friend at Page sends me a copy of the printed story of the Rev. Bartley Blain, a pioneer Methodist preacher on the prairies of Holt county, the builder, organizer and first pastor of the Methodist church in O'Neill that stood from early times until recent times where the present fine church building of the Methodists stands today at 531 E. Clay street. The Rev. Blain and his bride came in their youthful days to the prairies of Holt county from Michigan, the ministers of his church then know as Circuit Riders, which meant going from place to place. As publisher, editor, state senator and former federal official, the late Denny Cronin, said many times the priests. and preachers of pioneer days came here not to get rich but to minister in a spiritual sense to the citizens. Yes, the story of the pioneer Methodist minister is interesting and will no doubt be read by many. The Rev. and Mrs. Blain made their home in later years in Page community. I believe he served at one time as county superintendent of schools. The printed story of this pioneer church and school man has his picture and his young wife by his side; also a picture of the church he built in O'Neill and a picture of the Methodist church and parsonage in Page.

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Lew Nissen left his Lincoln home the morning of July 10 to go up to Holt county to spend a week with relatives and friends at Atkinson and in the Amelia community. Lew invited me to go with him to disembark as we pulled into O'Neill, but I had to nearty Walt O'Malley, Henry Grady, Hugh Coyne, be in Lincoln at that time.

Daughter and her life's companion who see that old daughter. Little Miss Kennedy thought she dad behaves are on a three-week vacation trip that would like to have a swim, so jumped in the swim- takes them to the southeast limits of this Land of Uncle Sam. Son-in-law has three weeks off duty on full pay, but was touched before leaving on that trip for \$75 income tax. In my working days we had no time off on full pay nor were we touched for income tax. Big pay today and big expenses. What next? Well, we should be ready for it with a smile or a frown.

> Two from the same household-the one a saint, the other a sinner. From the same orchard a sweet apple and a bitter one. The good and the bad travel life's highway side by side. \* \* \*

Dr. J. P. Gilligan came to O'Neill from an eastern state when a young man. Established his office and "surgical ward" in a little back room of the old Holt County Bank building. The doctor served the community for many years, married and established a home and reared a family, served as mayor of O'Neill and after moving from the old bank building had commodious quarters over the drug store he and his brother-in-law, Charley Stout, had some three doors west of the First National Bank. After a life time of treating the sick among is the doctor now lays in the abode of the dead 'up on the hill." Mrs. Gilligan, the last I knew, was living in Omaha.

O'Neill still has two banks and two newspapers. At one time there were four banks and I count eight newspapers that once were edited, published and printed in a little country town bearing the honored name O'Neill. At the corner of what is now Fifth and Douglas street and just across the street from McCafferty's hardware store in a building later taken over by Toohill's "butcher shop" the town's first newspaper was there born and died. Others that came and went were the Holt County People, the Tribune, Free Press, Item, Sun, Beacon Light, Alliance Tribune and a sheet bearing the name Democrat. And The Frontier outlived them all. \* \* \*

Public officials in state and nation serve their country, of which you and I are a part. The corn grows, grass is green, flowers bloom, birds sing. And up there seated upon a golden throne He has a watchful eye over all including you and I. \* \* \*

Mike Horiskey, Montana Jack Sullivan, Billy McNichols and L. G. Gillespie with us no more only in memory. But we smile and extend a hand as along life's highway there comes still hale and Cal Stewart and other long time friends.

## Frontiers || The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

Inman News

James Banks family.

Morsbach Saturday.

Mrs. David Morsbach.

DANCE

Ash Grove Hall

To The Music of

Admission 50c

By Mrs. James McMahan

Mrs. Maud Blake had a lively runaway Thursday but fortunately escaped unhurt. . . The Vaudeville and Moving Picture Show of Duncan and Devere's has been in Chambers all this week, and it has been first class in every respect with clean, entertainment. Link Lowery had a fine colt killed by lightning Thursday. . . The Rev. G. A. Barker of Silver City. Ia., spoke to the IOOF on their Memorial Day anniversary at which time he had a very large and appreciative audience in the

25 YEARS AGO

Band Boys tent.

Florence Lillian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Kincaid, became the bride of the Rev. George Basil Anderson, son of Mrs. Bertha Anderson of Coquille, Ore., June 15. . . Mr. and Mrs. Craig Baker entertained Sunday in honor of Mrs. Baker's mother.

Mrs. Art Johnson's birthday. A big July 4 celebration planned here with races, parade, band concert, ball game, show, fireworks and dance. . .Coming to the Golden Gate Theatre, "The Milky Way" with Harold Lloyd. admission 25 and 10c. . . The Helping Hand club met at the home of Mamie and Marjorie Sammons Thursday with a picnic dinner.

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ternoon and also Mr. and Mrs. James Kelley at Madison. Mrs. Ethel Siders spent the

and Mrs. Clarence Miner. Gene Butterfield, who attends

Mr. and Mrs. John Buhlmann jr. and family of Bartlett visited Mr. and Mrs. James Banks and Roger Wednesday evening. Mrs. Elizabeth Eslick and Dot left Friday for Chadron where they will held at the Neligh park. visit Mr. and Mrs. John Banks They have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Banks. Mr. and Mrs. visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Banks and family of Omaha Kenneth Coventry. visited Friday morning with the

ed a stated meeting of Sym-Mary Morsbach visited her parhony Chapter OES Thursday ents, the D. Morsbach's Saturday evening at O'Neill.

evening. Perry Dawes, O'Neill was Lee Conger and two children also a guest in the Morsbach of Independence, Mo., visited his home Saturday evening. Mr. and mother, Mrs. Lee Conger, for a Mrs. M. M. Crosser and family, few days last week. Neligh, visited Mr. and Mrs

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sholes and son returned to their home in Fullerton Thursday after visit-

weekend in Laurel visiting Mr.

college at Grand Island, spent the weekend visiting his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Butterfield. Mrs. Violet Sholes and Ralph attended a Conard reunion at Neligh Sunday. The reunion was Ronald Coventry of Omaha spent a couple of days last week

Mrs. James Kelley and son, Neal, of Madison visited Mr. and Mrs. James McMahan attend-Mrs. W. E. Kelley and Kay Thursday. Mrs. Vaden Kivett spent the

weekend at her home. She attends summer school at Wayne. Mrs Leo Harte and Donna and Mrs. Louis Vitt spent Wednesday in Norfolk.

ing Mrs. Amelia Moore for a

family of O'Neill visited Mrs. Vi-

Mr. and Mrs. James Harte

jr. and family and James

Harte sr., all of Buhl, Ida.,

came Sunday to visit Mr. and

Mrs. Leo Harte and family and

other relatives and friends for

olet Sholes Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Clark and

couple of weeks.

a few days.



O'Neill

Editorial

## Out Of All Reason

reduction '

Proposed new postage rates would increase papers by an average of 254 per cent-and would undoubtedly force many of them out of business. That is the gist of figures compiled by the National Service Committee.

Almost everyone agrees that something must be done about the Post Office deficit, which is currently running in the vicinity of \$700 million a year. But a rate increase such as this on the smaller newspapers-coming as it would on top of other rate increases amounting to 89 per cent which have been imposed during the last 10 years-would be out of all reason. The carrying of newspapers and magazines, like the carrying of letter mail, has been regarded as an essential public service ever since this government began. It is thus comparable to the military forces, and it has rarely been argued that is should wholly pay its own way.

On the other hand, Post Office services of a purely commercial nature should most certainly pay their own way-which means that the charges should honestly cover both direct and indirect costs. The salient example here is parcel post, which competes with private tax-paying carriers at the local as well as the national level. It is not in any sense of the word a basic function of the Post Office Department-and it has been operated at an enormous cumulative deficit over the years. It would seem that substantially increased parcel post charges should be a first step in dealing with the Post Office deficit problem.

ELLSWORTH, WISC., HERALD: "The Defense postal costs for small-town weekly and daily news- Dept. spends half of the national budget, \$42 billion. Half of that is for the procurement of goods . . . One provoking figure is that 86 per cent of the \$21 billion spent on materials is being handed out by Editorial Association, and presented by an Associa- military officers to industry without competitive bidtion spokesman to the House Post Office and Civil 'ding . . . Since 1947 Congress has been recommending that the system of awarting contracts without competitive bidding be adandoned save in extremely rare instances. But the practice continues. You can't blame the military for wanting it to continue. It makes things 'more flexible.' It's also one of

> DALLAS, TEX., NEWS: "Freedom of choice should apply to labor unions the same as to anything else. If a man is FORCED to join a union in order to get a job, then allow deduction of union dues from his pay envelope in order to keep his job-THAT ISN'T AMERICANISM!"

> From the Illinois Medical Journal: "It is a strange paradox that the American people are intensely interested in their health, yet they spend more money on smoking and drinking (\$16.6 billion) than on drugs, hospitals, and physicians combined (15.4 billion)-according to the U.S. Department of Commerce. In addition, they complain about the cost of medical care but are willing, if not anxious, to spend comparable amounts on their socially pleasant poisons-tobacco and alcohol."

more plentiful in Holt county Frontier sponsors O'Neill Day at Madison horse races. . .Fund hits \$2,798 for Leonard Lorenz, 35, Middlebranch farmer who lost both arms in baler accident. . 7,000 bushels of grain destroyed in fire at C. G. Pratt farm near Bristow. . .Showers boost pastures and crops.

50 YEARS AGO

lemnized at 10:30 when Allen P.

Nesbitt was united in marriage

large delegation of O'Neill people

attended the Fourth of July cele-

James O'Connor, who lives upon

his farm just a half-mile north

of this city, is erecting a neat cot-

tage on his lots on Douglas street.

of the pioneers of Holt county, is

in the city today attending dis-

trict court. . . Another Holt coun-

ty pioneer dies, Cyrus H. Bentley,

passes away last Saturday after-

25 YEARS AGO

had the new courthouse insured

for \$20,000, this being the first

Activities have shifted from

street paving to work on the side-

walks where a few spots are in

need of new walk. . .Threshers

at J. B. Ryan's ranch started yes-

terday on 180 acres of rye which

is yielding about six bushels to

the acre. . .C. B. Yarnell left

last Friday for Hendley for a few

days visit and to bring back Mrs.

Yarnell and children who have

10 YEARS AGO

hard hit about 3:30 p.m. Monday

by a hail storm that inflicted

spotty damage over a wide terri-

tory. . . Tax collections exceed

\$1,122,089 during past fiscal year.

O'Neill Rockets defeated Sunday

on Page diamond, 10-0. . . Joy

Tuch, Verdel, becomes the bride

of Robert R. Wilson, Redbird,

at Verdel June 22. . . Mr. and

Mrs. Fred Watson, Amelia, cele-

brate 55 years of marriage. .

Birthday party held Monday for

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J.

5 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Archie Tuttle, Ewing, is in-

jured by thrown firecracker. . .

Mrs. W. J. Cronin, 80, Ewing,

dies June 29. . . Page Roller Rink opens July 13. . . Polio vaccine is

A group of 12 Turkish agriculturists is touring Holt county. .

Sullivan.

Judy Sullivan, six year old

Northeast Holt county was

been there the past month.

block of insurance taken out.

The county board Wednesday

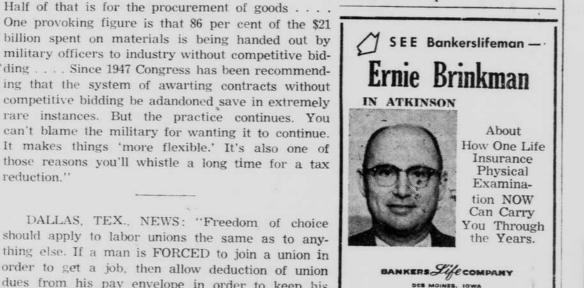
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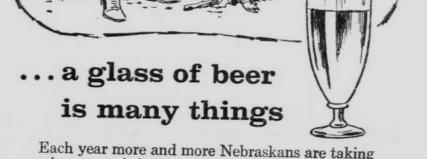
Peter Greeley of Phoenix, one

to Miss Josephine Howe.

bration at Ewing last Tuesday.

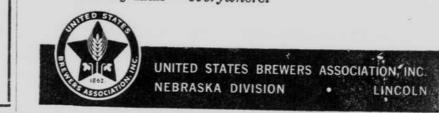
A very pretty wedding was so-





advantage of the state's many new and beautiful recreation areas. This is just one feature of their active, enjoyable way of life. And in much the same way, so is a glass of good beer.

Beer, the light, sociable refreshment, belongs with good living. But even more than that it is a symbol of our political freedoms and rights which Nebraskans hold so highly. It is the right of choice - between a cup of warming coffee and a friendly glass of beer. A right that should belong to every man - everywhere.



Widest selection

Cadillac, among all fine cars, has consistently provided the widest choice. In 1961, Cadillac offers 12 distinguished models. The elegant new Town Sedan, with full Cadillac interior spaciousness, but seven inches shorter over-all, is

built especially for those metropolitan drivers with special garaging or parking problems and who would be satisfied with nothing less than Cadillac excellence. Cadillac lets you choose from the widest selection in the fine car field.

